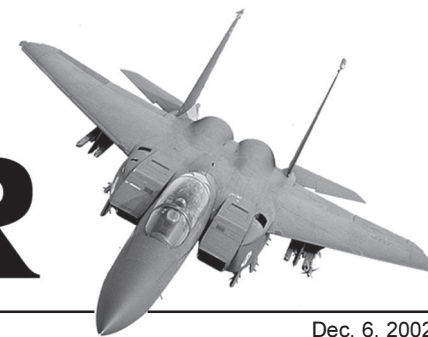


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In brief

Clinic closes early

The 325th Medical Group's family practice clinic closes at 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The clinic will also be half-staffed Dec. 23-27 and Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Please plan accordingly. The medical group apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Mask maintenance

The Air Force has recently found several masks stored with the Advantage 1000 spectacle inserts installed. This practice causes permanent damage to the eyelens by creating a stain on the interior of the eyelens caused from the plastic piece holding the corrective lens frame of the insert.

Advantage 1000 spectacle insert users should not store the insert in the MCU-2/P series mask for more than 30 days. Advantage 1000 spectacle inserts should be installed only upon declaration of an increased state of readiness, i.e. Force Protection Condition Charlie or Alarm Condition Yellow and the mask must be carefully inspected for damage every seven days as required per technical order. Upon termination of the increased state of readiness, the inserts should be removed immediately to prevent damage to the eyelens.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Tracy Hancock, 283-6197 or Mr. Troy Stalvey, 283-6161.

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Raptor program on track despite challenges

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Despite recent changes in the F/A-22 Raptor program, the aircraft's future remains bright, Air Force officials have said.

Service officials announced they were appointing two new senior F/A-22 program officials soon after learning that there could be potential cost overruns, up to \$690 million, in the engineering, manufacturing and development phase of the program.

Brig. Gen. Richard Lewis and Col. Thomas Owen were selected to take over the program because they have the right operational requirements expertise and technical backgrounds to bring the F/A-22 program into its next phase by the summer of 2003, according to Dr. James Roche, secretary of the Air Force.

General Lewis, currently the director of the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization at the Pentagon, will become the new program executive officer for fighters and bombers at the Pentagon, replacing Brig. Gen. William Jabour.

Colonel Owen, selected for promotion to brigadier general, currently is the system program director of the C-17 Globemaster III program for the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He will become the system program director for the F/A-22, also located at Wright-Patterson AFB, replacing Brig. Gen. Mark Shackelford.

"Jay Jabour and Mark Shackelford are extremely com-

mitted officers who helped manage the program during a very challenging period of testing and development," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

However, because of demands on the program schedule plus the Air Force's overall intent to align major acquisition efforts closely with operational acumen, Secretary Roche, General Jumper and Dr. Marvin Sambur determined that new leadership was necessary to achieve the service's objectives. Dr. Sambur is assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition at the Pentagon.

"(General Jumper) and I have been involved personally in reviewing all aspects of this program, and when necessary, we've made changes to ensure the success of (the F/A-22, a) critical contributor to America's joint warfighting capabilities," Secretary Roche said.

Dr. Sambur appointed a team of technical and financial experts to investigate the reports of a potential cost overrun in the EMD phase of the F/A-22 program. They are tasked with determining its magnitude and recommending steps to lessen further problems.

The team of industry and Air Force experts, led by Jon Ogg, director of the ASC's engineering and technical management directorate at Wright-Patterson AFB, will report their initial findings to Air Force leaders in the coming weeks.

The potential overrun appears to be related to meeting the developmental schedule on budget and is not associated with the



Lisa Carroll

Technicians from Chugach Support Services Inc. and the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron hoist a one-fifth scale model of an F/A-22 Monday in front of the F/A-22 Academic/Simulator Facility. A dedication ceremony of the model was held Thursday. Next week's Gulf Defender will offer more on the events surrounding the ceremony and the F/A-22 cockpit concept demonstrator tours held this week. Also, the 2003 Defense Authorization Act signed into law Tuesday provides \$4.6 billion for the procurement of 23 F/A-22 Raptor production aircraft and continued Raptor development. See Page 10 for other benefits signed into law.

aircraft's technology or performance.

"The F/A-22 program is doing very well," Dr. Sambur said. "This exceptional plane is working superbly and we're meeting or exceeding all performance-related key performance parameters."

The Raptor has evolved dra-

matically into a multi-role strike system with broad applications for 21st century warfare as a result of new technologies, doctrine and concepts of operation, according to Secretary Roche.

"(It's) essential to America's security in the 21st century and we will get to the bottom of this issue," General Jumper said.

Holiday, history highlight busy week

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander



I hope everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving and Family Day weekend. I'm especially thankful to know all of our folks who traveled during this holiday returned home safely to us.

I want to begin by thanking everyone who helped make this holiday a very special one for Team Tyndall. I know our base chapel staff and community, as well as our first sergeants, Top Three and numerous other volunteers, did a great job in collecting, assembling and distributing Thanksgiving food baskets for our military families in need. To all who donated to this important cause, thank you very much for your wonderful support.

I also want to thank the Chiefs' Group and all volunteers who supported our annual Golden Age Christmas event here Wednesday. You helped us reach out to some great senior citizens in our



"This week, we not only got a chance to celebrate our heritage, but we also enjoyed an opportunity to take a glimpse into our future with the F/A-22 Raptor."

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

local community and provided them an opportunity to get out and enjoy some uniquely warm holiday entertainment. I'm sure those of you who attended know how much these folks appreciate their Tyndall AFB neighbors' holiday spirit.

Here's an important bit of history for you. As you may or may not be aware, Saturday marks the 61st birthday of Tyndall Air Force Base. Our base is named for Lt. Frank Tyndall, a Florida native who is credited with four victories over German flyers during World War I. Tyndall AFB officially opened Dec. 7, 1941, with the arrival of the first

students for the U.S. Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School.

Through the years, Tyndall has maintained a primary mission of training air and ground crews for air superiority roles. The base has been assigned to Air Training Command, Aerospace Defense Command, Tactical Air Command and Air Combat Command. In 1993, it became part of the Air Education and Training Command.

This week, we not only got a chance to celebrate our heritage, but we also enjoyed an opportunity to take a glimpse into our future with the F/A-

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW
325th Fighter Wing commander

View from the top:

Air Force builds future on expeditionary foundation

GEN. DON COOK
Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Around 390 B.C. after the burning of Rome, the leaders of the Roman Empire had to develop new tactics to defeat unconventional barbarian attackers. These loosely banded armies proved too mobile for the fixed-formation Romans to target and conquer.

Thus, the Roman Legion was born and the history of organized expeditionary forces along with it. These small units were built to travel fast and light, with many of the soldiers possessing skills in several specialties. They were highly successful in conquering armies throughout Europe and Africa, even when outnumbered.

Over the past 2,000 years, other armies have followed in the Romans' footsteps by building fighting

forces of smaller, mobile units composed of different combat elements capable of changing their tactics and organization to suit the fight at hand.

Today, in our relatively young 55-year-old Air Force, we call this combat organization an Air and Space Expeditionary Force. It mirrors the ancient Roman Legion in design with the modern lethality of air and space assets.

It is also a system that has been in place since the birth of military aviation. During World War I, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell flew the first AEF mission in France. In World War II, we deployed expeditionary forces to Burma, China and North Africa. Today we are conducting our war on terrorism and steady-state operations with deployed, mobile troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Southwest Asia and many other locations throughout the world.

It is with this expeditionary legacy in mind that we fine tune our tactics and determine the best strategy for our involvement in the contingencies of today and tomorrow.

In forging the new AEF system, then-Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan said the Air Force consistently overcomes difficulties and adapts to its changing role as an expeditionary force.

As we prepared to employ AEF, he said in February 1998, "We must focus our efforts on developing the process, the structure, the procedures, and most importantly the mind-set to be expeditionary."

Four years later, after some tweaking, we've got the process, structure and procedures down pretty well. We have refined and expanded our expeditionary abilities to go farther and faster while doing so with a much

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leaner and smarter force. We have made technological and innovative advances beyond the imagination of aviation pioneers that have allowed us to cross the threshold of the 21st century as the most lethal fighting force in the history of the world.

Now it's up to us to fully develop the mind-set to be expeditionary.

As the Air Force commitment to AEF grows, it is fitting that this command plays its part. Two years ago

in AETC, we had 7,000 troops committed to AEF. Today we have 13,000, and next year we'll have 20,000 airmen in AETC prepared at any given time to deploy where we're needed, when we're needed.

This expanding role is good for AETC and its members. It's critical for the credibility of our instructors, whether they're flight instructors or technical training platform instructors, to gain expeditionary knowledge and experience so they can come back home as better teachers for our command. It's essential that every-

one eligible in this command who can deploy be able to draw from the experiences of an expeditionary force because that's what we are and that's what we do.

We must all be prepared and understand the fundamentals of an expeditionary force in a deployed operation. We also need to instill in all our members, especially our new airmen and junior officers, that they will likely experience time away from home.

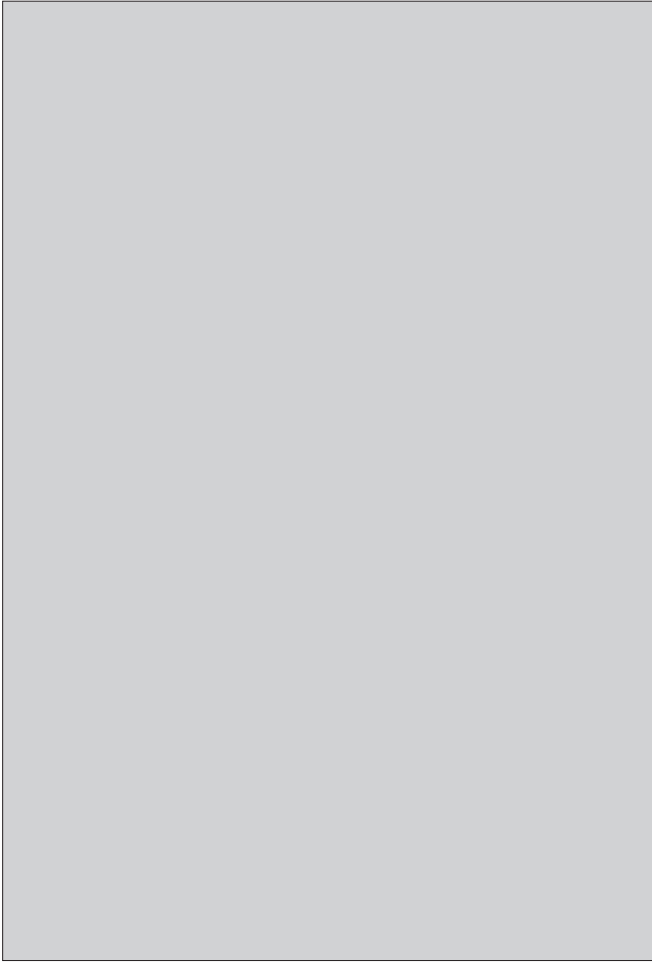
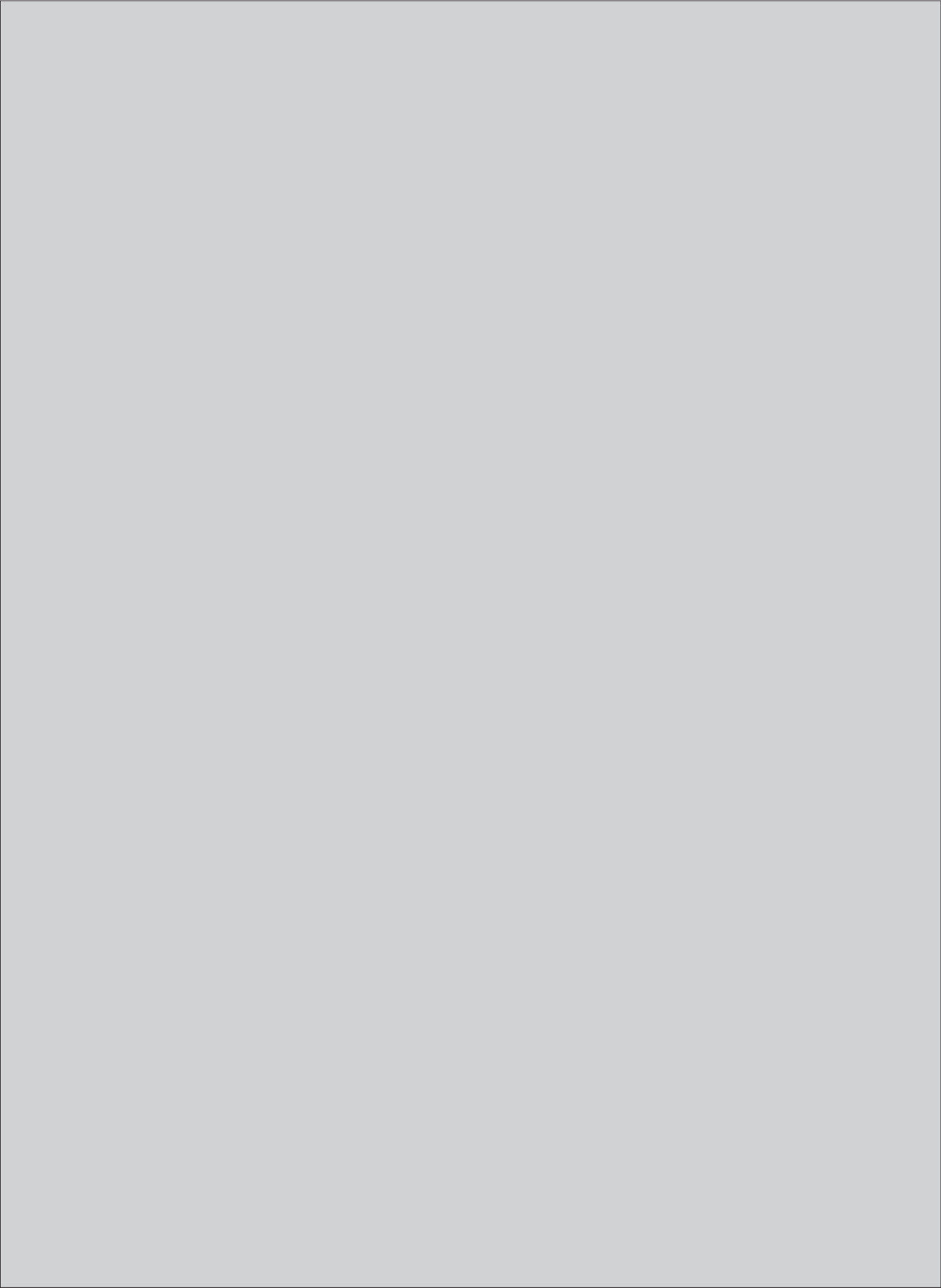
Keep yourself in good physical condition, stay mentally prepared and spiritually sound. Do everything your deployment managers require of you to maintain your readiness. Keep your job skills current, and ensure everyone who works for you does the same. It's also important to make sure your family and other personal matters are in order in case you get the call to deploy.

When completing training, such as self-aid and buddy care, don't simply go through the motions to get that item checked off your deployment checklist. Complete those training sessions as if your life and the lives of your friends depend on it — because they very well may.

Participate in training exercises as if they are the real deal. Our exercise evaluation teams work hard to present realistic scenarios. When you approach these exercises with a sense of urgency and attention to detail, you are preparing yourself to survive and operate if called to do so in actual combat. More importantly, you are doing your part for the team, whose members rely on each other to be confident and competent in the face of adversity.

By doing these things, you develop an expeditionary mind-set — knowing that it takes continual education, training and commitment beyond our day-to-day tasks to be true Air Force warriors.

This is our legacy and our future.



Base residents raise issues to leadership

STAFF SGT. ROEL UTLEY
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Base housing residents turned out to voice their concerns and ask questions in a town hall meeting Tuesday at the youth center.

Topics ranging from lawn care and Christmas tree lights to fire safety and speeding were addressed by the commanders of various squadrons from the 325th Mission Support Group. Base leaders will research and work to resolve several other issues that were also discussed in the nearly two-hour meeting.

Opening the meeting, Lt. Col. Kenny Weldon, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, pointed out how everyone has heard the term “recruit the member, retain the family.” “Housing is an integral part of that,” he said.

Col. Joseph Sokol, 325th Mission Support Group commander, then took center stage and asked everyone in military family housing to remain vigilant.

“Security is everyone’s responsibility. No one will be punished for calling in suspicious activity,” he said. “If it turns out to be nothing, that’s fine. It’s when we don’t call something in and

something happens that we are worried about.”

After all the introductions and old business from the last town hall meeting were covered, the meeting became an open forum.

On the subject of lawn care, several people expressed concern about their futile efforts to create a healthy lawn. Because the peninsula Tyndall is located on is primarily comprised of salty sand, except in areas where top soil has been added, it takes a certain type of grass to be able to take root and provide green lawns.

Base officials are aware that the current method of distributing grass seed and fertilizer through the self-help store is not the best approach to a green yard. A plan is being developed to have the right type of grass, fertilizer and watering schedule to allow housing occupants to succeed in their efforts.

“We are working on a plan to have the right type of grass in the self-help store. We ask that residents be patient as we work this issue,” Colonel Weldon said.

And while keeping the yards green was important to many, some asked

if they could illuminate their yards with Christmas decorations. As written, the housing regulations limit the number of Christmas lights allowed in base housing. According to Colonel Sokol, as long as people do not overload electrical circuits and are careful to inspect all wiring for safety, people will not be ticketed for having too many lights.

“No one will be counting how many lights you have on your house. Just be safe and don’t burn the house down,” Colonel Sokol said. The only limit is that if lawn decorations are used, residents are asked to use only two spotlights to illuminate the items. Decorations are not allowed on the roof. Also, residents need to turn off the lights before retiring for the evening. Lights should be kept in place using plastic clips. Nails are not recommended. Decorations can be displayed now through Jan. 6.

As the holiday season approaches, Robert Anderson, 325th CES assistant chief of fire prevention, reminded residents to be mindful of fire hazards.

“During this time, people will be getting together and cooking a lot

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Herald the holidays

Chief Master Sgt. George Van Steenburg, Tyndall Chiefs’ Group, hands Joanne Book a fruit basket during this year’s Golden Age Christmas Party, when senior citizens in the local community share in the holiday spirit with Team Tyndall. The annual event is sponsored by the Tyndall Chiefs’ Group with the support of many base agencies.

Caption contest



Submit an entry for this month's Safety Caption Contest and win a free lunch from the 325th Services Squadron! Send your caption to 2nd Lt. Brian Smart at 283-4231 or e-mail the safety office.

Last month's winner

“Son — if I told you once, I told you a thousand times — cut the firewood up **FIRST** before loading it into the darn truck!”

BOB SHINHOLT
King Aerospace



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22 Raptor. The F/A-22 defense industry partners at Lockheed Martin were kind enough to bring down their F/A-22 cockpit demonstrator, and many Team Tyndall members and local civic leaders experienced a portion of what this new air dominance weapon system brings to the fight. We also unveiled and dedicated a one-fifth-scale F/A-22 model at the academic simulator building in a ceremony Thursday. These events required a total wing effort, so I'd like to thank everyone for their outstanding support in making them such a success.

Speaking of success, if you are a supervisor, I encourage you to make the most of these last few weeks of 2002 — by recognizing the successes of your airmen and civilians through the wing quarterly and annual awards programs. The deadline for those packages will be here before you know it, so now is definitely the time to start pulling together all the necessary data. Let's make this one of our top priorities as we close in on the Christmas and New Year's holidays.
Stay safe and have a great week!

U.K. pet quarantine not required

CAPT. ERIN BRADLEY
3rd Air Force public affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (AFP) — Starting Wednesday, military members bringing dogs and cats to the United Kingdom will no longer have to place their animals in a six-month quarantine period upon entering the country if they meet certain criteria.

The Pet Travel Scheme, or PETS, is a new system created to help those who are moving to the country with animals. It also means that people in the United Kingdom can, after having taken their pets to these countries, bring them back without the need for quarantine.

Currently, the scheme only applies to cats and dogs, including guide and hearing dogs, and is limited to pets coming into the

United Kingdom from certain countries and territories, and only operates on specific sea, air and rail routes to England. It remains illegal in Great Britain to possess certain types of dogs and meeting the PETS requirements will not change that.

Air Force rotator aircraft, such as the “Patriot Express,” are not currently approved for bringing pets to the United Kingdom.

Pet owners wishing to avoid the quarantine must begin preparing for the move at least six months out so the animals will meet the PETS criteria. Contact the U.K. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Web site, www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine, for more information.

The Tyndall veterinary clinic also has PETS information. Call 283-2432 for details.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Chloe, a Shih-Tzu, is examined by Dagny Johnston and Army Staff Sgt. Roger Young at the Tyndall vet clinic. Under a new program, cats and dogs no longer need to be quarantined when moving to the United Kingdom.

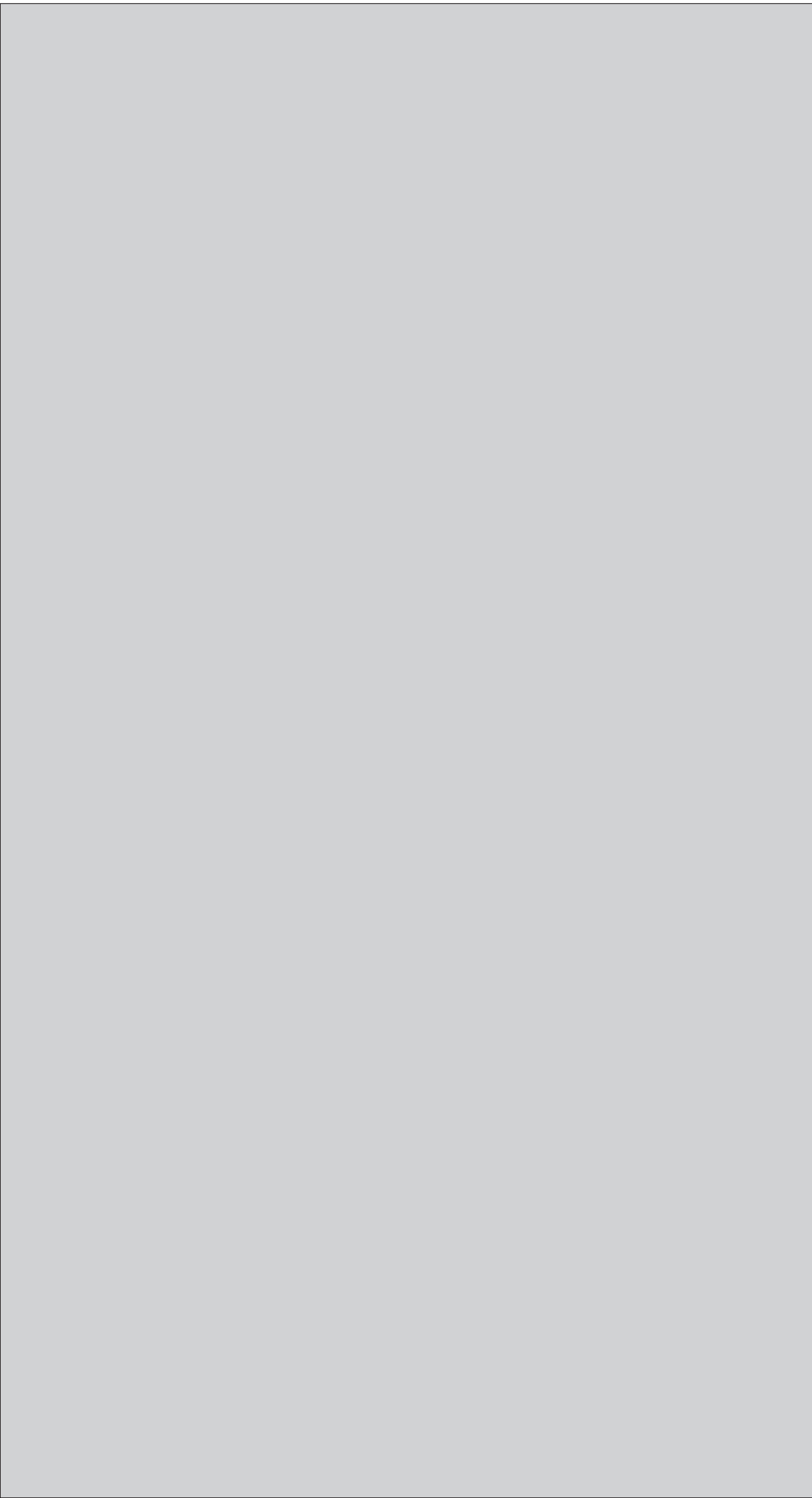


Courtesy photo

Deadly impact

As shown from this Minneapolis, Minn., accident photo, vehicle-deer collisions are not uncommon, even near large cities. Unfortunately, this possible scenario can play out on Tyndall roads, especially U.S. Highway 98, Sabre Drive and Beacon Beach Road. According to Dr. Jack Mobley, Tyndall’s wildlife biologist, deer strikes are on the rise, due in part to the cancellation of last year’s hunting season on base. Motorists are reminded to keep a watchful eye on the roadsides and slow down when they spot a deer. Deer are unpredictable and may dart out into oncoming traffic.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Shawn Beard

Duty title: Noncommissioned officer in charge of life support
Unit: 95th Fighter Squadron
Time on station: 6 years, 6 months
Time in service: 12 years, 10 months
Hometown: Moline, Ill.
Hobbies: Watching sports and spending time with my wife and kids
Goals: To sew on technical sergeant and move to the 43rd Fighter Squadron in January.
Favorite thing about Tyndall: I get to see my girls grow up
Pet peeves: Laziness
Favorite movie: "Rudy"

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.



Lisa Carroll

Sergeant Beard is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Beard who personally guaranteed 12 staff assistance visits rated "excellent" or above with no findings or required follow-up inspections from the wing life support.

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Re-enlistments

The following individuals re-enlisted in November.

- Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Alt, HQ AFCESA
- Staff Sgt. Jason Backer, 325th CS
- Senior Airman Tamika Baucom, 325th MDG
- Staff Sgt. Orin Bertrand, 372nd TRS/Det. 4
- Staff Sgt. Steven Bousquet, 325th MXS
- Master Sgt. William Henry Canfield Jr., 325th MXS
- Tech. Sgt. Charlie Carr Jr., 325th MSS
- Staff Sgt. Shawn Gambill, 325th CS
- Tech. Sgt. Scott Henderson, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. Wanda Lee, 325th AMXS
- Tech. Sgt. David May, AFRHL
- Senior Airman Donovan Muir II, 325th SFS
- Tech. Sgt. Timothy Polito, 325th OSS
- Master Sgt. Scott Porter, TNCOA
- Staff Sgt. James Pruitt, 325th CS
- Tech. Sgt. Dorothy Russo, 325th FW
- Tech. Sgt. Daniel Schifley, 325th MXS
- Staff Sgt. Terry Sligh, 325th MXS
- Chief Master Sgt. Dale Smith, 325th MOS
- Tech. Sgt. Peyton Smith, 325th FW
- Chief Master Sgt. George Van Steenburg, AFCESA
- Tech. Sgt. Stanley Wall, 95th FS

Feature

'SUPER 64'



Army Special Ops pilot, captive portrayed in 'Black Hawk Down,' speaks to Tyndall officers

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

If you saw the movie "Black Hawk Down," you might recall the name of one of its lead characters — Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant, a U.S. Special Forces MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot. If you watched national news broadcasts the first week of October 1993, you likely caught shocking glimpses of the real-life pilot that are hard to forget.

Having retired from the Army less than two years ago, Mr. Durant today scouts for new business as an employee of NLX Corporation, a Sterling, Va., contractor specializing in full-motion flight simulators for commercial and military customers. Residing in Alabama, the 41-year-old father of five works at NLX's Huntsville office.

On Nov. 22, Mr. Durant, a former member of the Army's elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) based at Fort Campbell, Ky., and veteran of combat operations in Panama, the Persian Gulf and Somalia, accepted an invitation from the 325th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight to share insights and reflections about his experiences with Tyndall officers at their monthly Warrior Call gathering.

With his multimedia presentation, a powerful mix of silver screen and real-world video clips of special forces action, Mr. Durant's audience quickly saw a world that seemed a stark contrast to his present existence.

As portrayed in the blockbuster Hollywood production, Mr. Durant's Black Hawk — Super 64 — was shot down by hostile forces in Mogadishu, Somalia, as he and his crew attempted to insert Rangers at a landing zone for Task Force Ranger's Operation Gothic Serpent. A key segment of the operation involved the capture, extraction and detention from a downtown hotel of two top lieutenants of Somali warlord Mohammed Farah Aideed.

Mr. Durant explained that a direct hit from a rocket-propelled grenade destroyed his aircraft's tail rotor, causing it to lose control in a flat spin — at least 15 revolutions as he recalled for the audience — before its violent impact with the ground in a Mogadishu shantytown.

"That place (Mogadishu) looked like, and still looks like, what you've seen in the Mad Max movies," he told the audience, describing the dire conditions of the civil war-torn city. "What you have is a total breakdown of humanity," he said. "I don't know, but I hope they can find a way to turn their culture around. They're still suffering a lot."

Within moments of the crash, crowds of armed Somalis had closed in on the downed helicopter. In short order,



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Mr. Durant responds to questions at the Nov. 22 Warrior Call event here.

Somali gunfire and crash injuries had claimed the lives of his co-pilot and two crew chiefs, leaving him as Super 64's sole survivor. Just before he fired his last shots in self defense, two of the elite Delta Force snipers who had witnessed the crash, Master Sgt. Gary Gordon and Sgt. 1st Class Randy Shugart, were killed as they fought desperately to defend him.

"Plain and simple, I can tell you that the only reason I'm here today is because of Gary and Randy," Mr. Durant told the completely packed house at Tyndall's officers' club. For their ultimate sacrifices, he said the commando sergeants were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Despite Mr. Durant's crash injuries — a compound fracture of the femur (thigh bone) and three cracked vertebrae — the Somalis captured him, then publicly beat,

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RETIRED ARMY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MICHAEL DURANT
DESCRIBING CONDITIONS IN SOMALIA'S CAPITAL CITY

stripped and dragged him through the dusty alleyways into captivity that lasted 11 days. During his captivity he also sustained a minor gunshot wound to his left shoulder from an unknown assailant.

Within a day of his downing, the images of his captivity saturated the TV airwaves back home, horrifying a nation that viewed his badly beaten face at the hands of his captors. To illustrate that media coverage, Mr. Durant showed his Tyndall audience slides of three national magazine covers that bore the same disturbing close-up of his brutalized face. One example, a Newsweek headline, implored in bold print, "What Went Wrong?"

While the mission's primary objective was met, it came at a staggering cost. What was to have lasted less than an hour, ended in a 15-hour overnight battle that left 18 Americans dead, 70 wounded, two Black Hawks downed and several hundred Somali dead. At the time, U.S. officials called it the largest, most intense firefight since the Vietnam War. Soon afterward, the ripples of the bloody conflict spelled the end of U.S. combat and humanitarian involvement in Somalia.

In an interview following his presentation, Mr. Durant was asked what key things he felt helped him survive his ordeals.

"Definitely, I'd have to say faith, training and common sense," he responded. "And in terms of our training, they (trainers) were absolutely on the mark with everything."

Mr. Durant said his outlook changed tremendously soon after his release from captivity.

"As soon as I got released I realized that there was gonna be a lot more visibility on me than had been in the past, and I felt like I had to step up to the challenge. I'm not gonna say I was a bad person, but I've tried to improve my lifestyle, become more responsible and try to create a better image for me personally, for the Army and for all military people in general."

People familiar with "Black Hawk Down" might be

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Soar into second career with Tyndall's aero club

MARCIA ROBERTSON

325th Services Squadron marketing

In Greek mythology, Icarus tried flying with his father's homemade contraption, but he quickly learned that wax wings won't get you very far, especially if you fly too close to the sun. Here on base, those who want to soar have an easier time of it than poor Icarus did. The 325th Services Squadron Aero Club can show you how to take your flying fantasy and give it real wings — and an engine and maybe give you a new career as well.

"We have a lot of people use the training here at the Aero Club as a stepping stone to ultimately get into flying for an airline," said Bill Foley, aero club manager. "It does take some work, but this is certainly a great place to begin if you are interested in a flying job after the military."

The first step in flying, whether for a career or for pleasure, is ground school. The aero club schedules this class every three months. All course materials are included in the fee which can be covered with tuition assistance for those who meet the eligibility requirements.

"Our next ground school starts January 13," Mr. Foley said. "It covers all the rules of the air, how a plane operates, things like density altitude, weight and balance. It teaches students everything they need to know about flying except for the way the aircraft handles."

Tech. Sgt. Vernon Martin, Southeast Air Defense Sec-

tor, began his flight career in 1997 with the aero club's private pilot ground school. Today, he is close to finishing his Certificate of Flight Instruction which will allow him to teach both in the classroom and in the air.

"I'm really looking forward to teaching," Sergeant Martin said. "I've taught people how to use radio controlled airplanes and it's always fun to watch people go from being timid to being confident. I expect the same thing will happen with teaching people how to actually fly an aircraft."

Although Sergeant Martin's love of flying began when he was a child with radio-controlled planes, his interest intensified when he took an introductory flight in a small airplane.

"I went up with a friend," explained Sergeant Martin. "I caught the flying bug then."

The aero club offers 30-minute introductory flights for those who are considering learning to fly as well as for those who want to take a scenic ride. The cost varies from \$40-50 depending on the number of people flying and the type of aircraft being flown.

In addition to the ground school, the aero club also of-

fers more advanced classes. The commercial pilot course allows individuals to fly for compensation. While the Certificate of Flight Instruction means a person can teach ground and flight school, the Certificate of Flight Instruction II enables someone to teach instrument flying as well.

"Each rating teaches you the basics," said Sergeant Martin. "It's like a license to learn. There's such a wealth of information."

Although many do earn an income from flying, others focus on the community service opportunities flying often brings.

"Our aero club members have assisted in search and recover efforts, particularly when a tragedy occurs in the waters around Tyndall," Mr. Foley explained. "We've also helped the fire department by flying personnel over a fire's location. And we've taken investigators up when a drone crashes to check out the impact site."

The Tyndall aero club business office is open from 7:30 a.m. until noon and from 1- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Flying is conducted daily from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.; ground classes are scheduled in the evenings. For more information, contact the aero club at 283-4404.



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surprised to know Mr. Durant had minimal interaction with the film's actors and producers.

"Actually there was very little contact," he said. "The guy who played me (Ron Eldard, best known as Ray 'Shep' Shepard on the popular television series E.R.) came to Fort Campbell. I met with him for about half a day. He flew in our simulator, we went through the loss of tail rotor (simulation sequence) and some other things, and that was it."

"But I didn't want to go to Morocco," Mr. Durant laughed, happy to pass up an invitation to visit the all-too-realistic filming location in the northern African nation.

Has he seen evidence that the U.S. military is applying lessons learned from Task Force Ranger operations? "Plenty, absolutely no question about it," he responded. "I've seen changes in the way training is done at the Joint Readiness Training Center, when Army units cycle through there. They play noncombatants a lot more than they did in the past, and they play media a lot more. A more urban, unconventional

warfare versus a Desert Storm-type scenario has become much more the focus of the training."

"If you look at how we have executed these operations (in Afghanistan)," he continued, "if a commander in the field needed something, everything in the inventory was applied. There wasn't anything held back. There was also, I think, obvious coordination between the political and military parts of the government to pull it off. They weren't opposing each other, whereas in Somalia they had two different agendas, and they were mutually exclusive unfortunately."

Mr. Durant was asked if he thought the movie helped or hindered the American public's perception of its military.

"For Task Force Ranger, I think it was somewhat of a redemption, because when it (the operation) initially happened, most people probably thought 'What in the world were these guys doing?' But because of the efforts of Mark Bowden (author) and



U.S. Army photo

Mr. Durant credits Army Master Sgt. Gary Gordon (far left) and Sgt. 1st Class Randall Shugart with saving his life after his helicopter was downed in Mogadishu. The Delta Force members were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

the book and movie, I think a lot more people realize that, tactically, the mission was done about as well as it could possibly be done, given the assets at hand, and that the real tragedy occurred with decisions made by the leadership.

"Nobody's perfect," Mr. Durant continued. "Nobody's ever gone out and flown a perfect flight. We never had any perfect missions, but it was pretty darned-well executed."

Today, Mr. Durant is completing a publishing deal for a book which he expects will be released in late Spring 2003.

He said his motivation to write the book was simple.

"It came to me when I went to see the movie. It ends with me (spending) one day in captivity. I thought, wow, they're just

gonna leave me hanging there. I wonder how many people are wondering, 'What happened to that guy?' I've had a lot of people ask me, 'How did you get out of there, and what happened to you?'"

In addition to detailing his captivity and recollections of his former comrades, Mr. Durant said the book will focus on unique aspects of U.S. special forces life. "One of the most unique things is that in Special Ops, you stay together as a unit for a much longer period of time than most other military organizations. I was in the 160th for 13 years, and I served with the same people the whole time, so there are stories that go way beyond Somalia."

President signs defense authorization bill

STAFF SGT. A.J. BOSKER
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed the Fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act into law Dec. 2 at the Pentagon.

The NDAA authorizes the Department of Defense to spend \$375 billion to continue the transformation of the military to face future challenges and to fight the global war on terrorism. More than one-fourth of that amount, \$94 billion, will go to support personnel programs and quality-of-life initiatives.

“It sets priorities for our Defense Department in a critical, critical period for our country,” President Bush said.

According to the president, the NDAA rewards the service and sacrifice of the nation’s military members and their families with higher pay, improved facilities and better housing.

It also ensures servicemembers have the best equipment, the most advanced weapons, supports operations and maintenance, and continues investments in missile defense and new technologies to give America’s military every advantage on the battlefields of the future.

“America’s military is strong, and that’s the way it should be,” President Bush said. “Our nation and world are safer that way. Now and in the future, we will maintain a military that is second to none.”

As part of this year’s overall defense bud-

get, the Air Force was authorized \$28.3 billion for the procurement of aircraft, missiles and ammunition; \$33.7 billion in operation and maintenance funds for the active-duty force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard; \$389 million for environmental restoration; \$1.3 billion in military construction; and \$684 million in family housing construction.

The highlights of the bill include:

- ❑ Fully funding an across-the-board 4.1 percent military pay raise with targeted increases of up to 6.5 percent for mid-grade and senior noncommissioned officers.
- ❑ Reducing the out-of-pocket housing expenses from the current 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent in Fiscal 2003, eventually eliminating the out-of-pocket costs by Fiscal 2005.
- ❑ Expanding TRICARE Prime Remote benefits to family members who remain at a remote location when they cannot accompany the military member on a new assignment or duty. It also extended these benefits to family members of remotely located air reserve component members when they are ordered to active duty for more than 30 days.
- ❑ Extending several special pays and bonuses through December 2003, including enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses. It also permits the service secretaries to award an incentive pay of up to \$1,500 per month to military members serving in assignments involving

difficult working conditions or undesirable overseas locations.

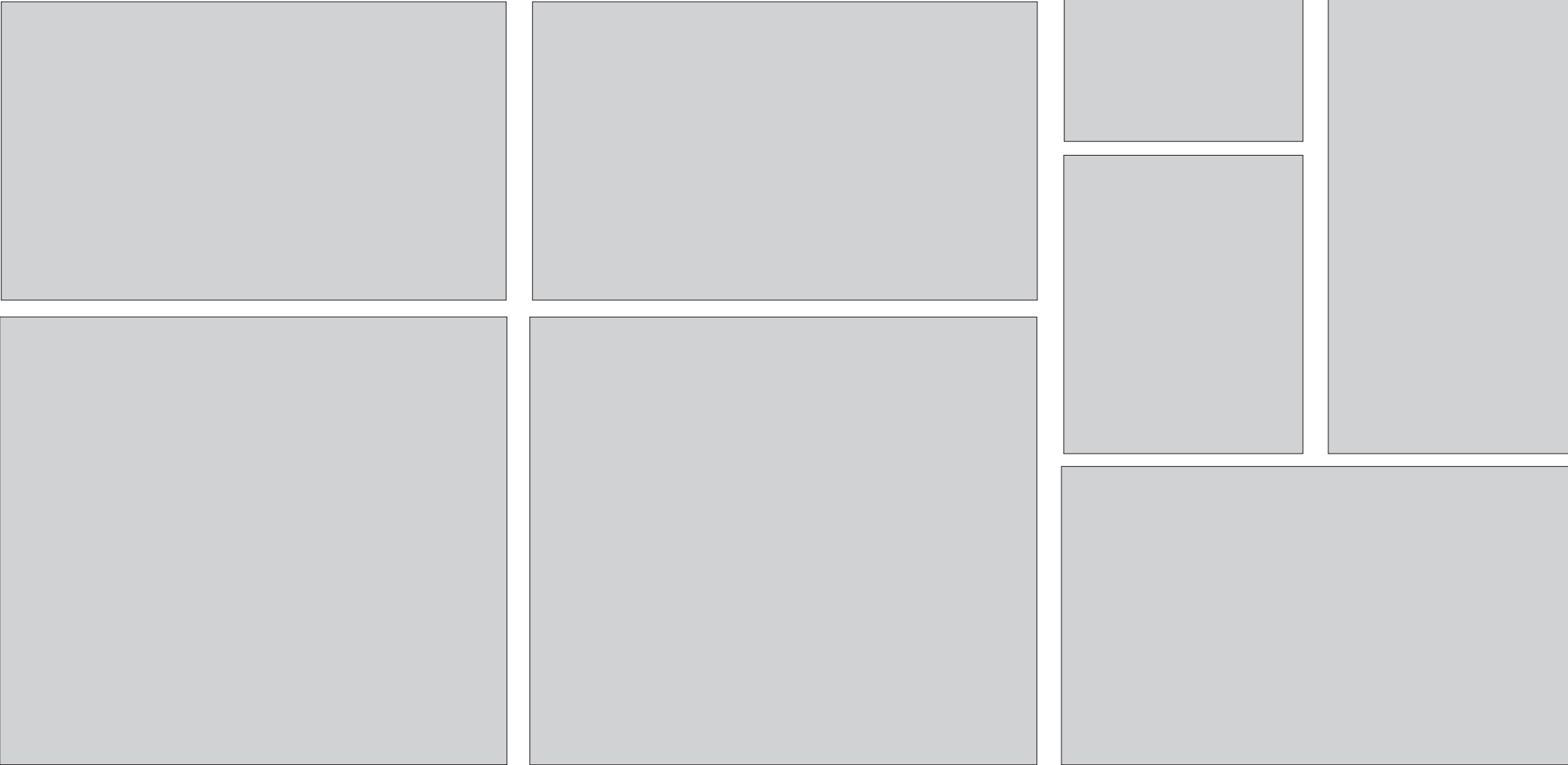
- ❑ Doubling the regular basic allowance for subsistence for single enlisted airmen stationed in remote locations without adequate availability of meals from a government messing facility.
- ❑ Creating a new payment for all military retirees who were wounded in combat and received the Purple Heart and those who were severely disabled in combat-related incidents. Payments would range from \$103 to \$2,100 each month, depending on the level of disability, and would represent a partial to full offset of the reduction in retired pay required by the current law on concurrent receipt.
- ❑ Continuing the existing DOD payment of a special stipend for severely disabled military retirees with a disability rating of 60 percent or higher.
- ❑ Allowing service secretaries to grant a one-time leave of absence of up to 14 days to servicemembers with qualifying emergencies to prevent them from entering into unearned or excessive leave status.
- ❑ Reducing the minimum years of service required by reservists before they are eligible to qualify for retirement pay from eight years to six years.
- ❑ Extending the number of years members of the selected reserve may use Montgomery

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What do you mean, I can’t PCS?

If you’ve been placed on a control roster, you may ask the same question. The control roster is used by commanders to “keep an eye on” individuals whose duty performance is substandard or who fail to meet Air Force standards. Once on it, you’ll stay there for at least six months. For officers, your commander will get another chance to see if you’re qualified for promotion. For enlisted members, you’ll be ineligible for reenlistment, voluntary retraining, professional military education attendance, permanent-change-of-station moves and promotion.

If you have been notified that you may be placed on a control roster, contact the area defense counsel at 283-2911.



Thinking of getting out?
THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you’ve got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.

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GI Bill benefits from 10 to 14 years.
 - ❑ Authorizing commissary privileges to National Guardsmen who are participating in federally declared national emergencies.
 - ❑ Providing \$4.6 billion for procurement of 23 F/A-22 Raptor production aircraft and continued Raptor development.
 - ❑ Increasing the service’s unmanned aerial fleet with the procurement of three Global Hawk and 29 Predator unmanned aerial vehicles.
 - ❑ Providing \$3.7 billion for the purchase of 12 C-17 Globemaster IIIs and to support a multiyear procurement of additional C-17s.
 - ❑ Funding the procurement of one E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft, one EC-130J

and 35 T-6A Texan II Joint Primary Aircraft Training System aircraft.

- ❑ Authorizing a Korean Defense Service Medal to be issued to military members who served in the theater since July 28, 1954.

“The men and women of our military bring credit to our flag and security to our country,” President Bush said. “On behalf of the American people, I thank you for all you’ve done (and) for all you will do in the cause of freedom and the cause of peace.”

The annual defense budget comprises two parts — the appropriations bill, which the president signed on Oct. 23, and the authorization bill. The appropriations bill allocates funds to operate the Defense Department. The authorization bill permits the DOD to spend the allocated funds.



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Holiday selection
Airman 1st Class Nitra Ray, 325th Communications Squadron, displays a Christmas tree at the squadron’s sale lot in front of the base commissary. The unit is selling Scotch pine and Fraser fir trees from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Your link
to what's going on

Gulf
Guide
in the
Tyndall community

DECEMBER

FRI 6

Housing office hours

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron's Housing Flight office hours are now 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday; and 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday. The housing office will be closed Thursday mornings for training.

Troy State registration

Registration for Troy State University's Term III will continue 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Dec. 18 in Room 44a of the base education center. For more information, call the education center, 283-4449.

SAT 7

Thrift shop hours

The Tyndall Thrift Shop will be open for sales from 9 a.m.-noon this Saturday. The thrift shop is located on Suwannee Avenue across from the base post office. Regular thrift shop hours are 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The shop will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 18-Jan. 3 and will re-open Jan. 8, 2003. For more information or to volunteer, call 286-5888.

SUN 8

Chapel religious education

The Tyndall Chapel offers religious education 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays for Protestants and 11 a.m.-noon Sundays for Catholics. Both sessions will be held at the spiritual fitness building. For more information, call 283-2925.

MON 9

ESC open house

The Tyndall Enlisted Spouses' Club's base-wide open house will be 4-6:30 p.m. Monday at the enlisted club. Everyone is invited to attend. New members are always welcome. Enlisted spouses, active or retired, or civilian spouses with GS grades equivalent to E-1 to E-9 are invited to join. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, and a general membership meeting is every second week of the month. For more information, call Shantelle Dedicke, 286-8928.

TUE 10

Sensible Weigh for Kids program

The health and wellness center's Sensible Weigh Class for Kids meets 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111. For more information, call 283-3826.

THU 12

Bible study

A weekly Bible study session offered by the Officer Christian Fellowship and Christian Military Fellowship will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the community activities center. For more information, call Capt. Carma Pauli, 283-7669.

NOTES

Holiday cookie drive

Tyndall's Annual Cookie Drive, sponsored by Team Tyndall, is scheduled for Dec. 16. Donations of homemade cookies are needed which will be distributed to the airmen in the dormitories, along with the troops who are deployed here in support of Enduring Freedom. Cookies are needed for approximately 500 airmen. Cookies can be dropped off behind the commissary between 7-8:30 a.m. Dec. 16. For more information, call Mrs. Resa Cochran, 286-1791, or Master Sgt. Alfredo Lopez, 283-3309, or e-mail alfredo.lopez@tyndall.af.mil.

Volunteers needed

The Tyndall Chapel's Kids' Club is in need of volunteers. The Kids' Club is an ecumenical program held 2:45-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Cindee Hodges, 283-2925.

New York Air National Guard vacancies

Immediate New York Air National Guard positions are available with the 109th Airlift Wing in Scotia, New York. Some full-time, active-duty positions are also available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Wesley Ryerson, DSN 344-2456, (800) 524-5070, or e-mail: wesley.ryerson@nyscot.af.mil.

ETAP seminar

Online registration continues for the next AETC four-day Executive Transition Assistance Program seminar, to be held 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 28-31 in the Pyramid Chapel, Building 1528, at Lackland Air Force Base. The program is designed to complement the TAP program that already exists, but is tailored to executive-level opportunities. Class size is limited to 30 active-duty members assigned to AETC who have plans to separate or retire in 18-24 months. Retirement-eligible registrants who live outside the San Antonio area can attend in PTDY status with unit commander approval. There is no registration fee for this seminar, and business casual dress is acceptable attire. To register, log on to www.aetc.af.mil/dp/familymatters/index.htm. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4205.

Math and accounting tutor

Gulf Coast Community College has a math and accounting tutor available to assist students 4:45 -7:15 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 55 of the education center.

Service station hours

The service station bay is now open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oil changes, tire changes and new tires can be purchased during this time frame. For more information, call 286-5826.

RETIREE NEWS

New mail-order pharmacy contract

The Department of Defense TRICARE Management Activity has awarded Express Scripts, Inc., of Maryland Heights, Mo., a contract to provide mail order pharmacy services for the TRICARE Program. The contract covers a five-year period and is valued at approximately \$275 million. The new TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy contract will replace the existing National Mail Order Pharmacy contract, which is due to expire at the end of February 2003. The TMOP contract will provide a worldwide, full-service mail order pharmacy program to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries and will begin on or about March 1, 2003.

Like the NMOP, the TMOP provides another option for TRICARE beneficiaries to meet their prescription needs in addition to military and retail pharmacies. The Pharmacy Data Transaction Service, a patient medication record that enhances patient safety, will be available soon on the TRICARE Web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil. Beneficiaries currently using NMOP will receive information about TMOP prior to its start date. For more information, beneficiaries also may visit the Express Scripts, Inc. Web site at: www.express-scripts.com.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2743-A Eagle Drive and 2910-B Beacon Beach Road. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

BASE THEATER

Today: "Brown Sugar" (R)
Saturday: "Red Dragon" (R)

CLASSIFIEDS

Audio gear: Three Rotel RB850 amplifiers, \$150 each. Two 18" high current subwoofers with enclosure, \$150 each. DBX 3BXIII Dynamic Range expander, \$175. DBX 120X Subharmonic synthesizer, \$125. ADC EQ with display, \$95. For more information, call 872-9790.

Advertising in this classified section is free and available to active-duty and Department of Defense members assigned to Tyndall Air Force Base. Submit ads in person to 445 Suwannee Road, Ste 129 or by e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil or fax to 283-3225. Ads are limited to 25 words for a one-time sale of personal property, excluding homes. Please include rank, name and duty number. Only home numbers will be published. For more information, call 283-2973.

Medical official issues notice on ephedra's potential risks

G.W. POMEROY

Air Force Surgeon General public affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) — The Air Force's surgeon general has issued a notice to airmen on the potential risks associated with dietary supplements that contain ephedra, following the death of a young Air Force member in early November.

Medical notices are released by clinical quality management division officials from the Air Force Medical Operations Agency to disseminate lessons learned from medical incident investigations and other pertinent events.

"What we know is that this young man took dietary supplements, including ephedra," said Royal Air Force Wing Commander (Dr.) Victor Wallace, of the aerospace medicine division at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency. "Although there was insufficient evidence to be causal, the changes seen in this young man's cardiovascular system can be associated with ephedra use."

"The purpose of the (notice) is to en-

sure that Air Force personnel and their attending medical staff remain alert to the risks and can provide appropriate advice and education," said Dr. Wallace, an RAF exchange officer.

The Air Force surgeon general issued a revised policy covering dietary supplements containing ephedra on Sept. 5 that strongly discouraged the use of such supplements and highlighted associated risk factors.

The revised SG policy was followed by a memorandum from the Air Force Services Agency, which called for services activities to remove such supplements from their resale inventories.

"Since ephedra and its alkaloids have several different names, products should



Photo illustration by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

be evaluated by (major command) and base-level dietitians to ensure all items known to include this herb/ingredient are identified and removed from your operations," the services memo read.

In late August, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service also removed the products from its inventories.

According to a statement issued by AAFES headquarters officials in Dallas: "Due to health and safety concerns, AAFES has replaced all 'performance enhancing' dietary supplements that contain ephedra with ephedra-free products. All products with ephedra have been removed from AAFES' stores, along with those operated by AAFES concession-

aires. Signs have been posted to encourage customers to carefully read the labels of all dietary supplements to help them make informed choices."

Air Force Surgeon General officials have repeatedly "strongly advised" people to contact their physicians or health-care providers before taking dietary supplements containing ma huang, ephedra or ephedra alkaloids.

"Consultation is especially necessary if an individual has pre-existing medical problems, is taking other medications or exercises vigorously as part of (his or her) occupation or fitness program," Dr. Wallace said.

Such supplements, which include so-called energy boosters, over-the-counter diet pills and bodybuilding drinks or mixes, may pose health and occupational risks even for those not taking other prescribed drugs, Dr. Wallace said.

Today, at least 20 states and the National Football League are among those who have banned or restricted use of ephedrine products.

NCOA runners put fitness leadership to test

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Faculty and students at the Tyndall NCO Academy took their show on the road Nov. 23, but this was anything but a song and dance routine. Instead, they formed three teams to take on the annual Draggin' Tail 18-mile running course at Sunny Hills, just south of Chipley. According to instructor Scott Fortune, two instructor teams (Gold and Blue) and one student team (No Sleep) each comprised three runners who traversed the course in six-mile relay legs.

The students of No Sleep — Jules Roy, Anthony Baldwin and David White — were awake and alert enough to grab second place in the team competition with a time of two hours, 10 minutes, while Team Blue — Fortune, Steve Mihal and Robert Corrigan — hoofed it to a third-place result clocked at two hours, 16 minutes, five seconds. Team Gold, represented by Tyndall NCOA commandant James Wood, and instructors Dean Hickenbotham and Brent Ratley, completed the course in two hours, 36 minutes.

Fortune said a big part of the motivation for the run stemmed from a key part of NCO Academy curriculum — physical fitness.

"If we teach it, we have to live it," he said. "We have our students exercising in PT three times a



Courtesy photos

David White, left, and Steve Mihal, prepare to hand off the baton during an 18-mile relay race.

week, doing calisthenics and running, so we thought this race would be a great idea for everybody."

Eight other faculty and staff traveled to volunteer their time working at the course's busy primary water aid station.

"It was pretty cold out there, and I'd say the course was definitely challenging, Fortune said, "but I know it was a lot of fun for everybody. We're already looking to do it again next year."

Sports shorts

Tyndall Running Club Meeting

Community Activities Center

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Topics:

Sign up new members

Races and results

Preparations for Navy Blue Angels Marathon in February.

Funshine NEWS

December 6, 2002

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Electrified Membership Drive

One new member & one current member per command will win:

Grand Prize

Sony 32TS1 Plasma TV
Bose Lifestyle 28 Home Ent. System
Monster Cable M1000i
Monster Power MPB2100

Current members are already entered to win!

Through December 20

An additional drawing will be held to award a Tyndall Member a Breitling Watch.

Just pick up an application from your club and sign up now through December 20 to be eligible for the random drawings.

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Tyndall Enlisted Club Steak-Out Zone

Every Friday

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Only \$5.95

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Advance Ticket Purchase:

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Singles \$11.00

At the door \$12 per person

After 11:30 p.m. \$8 per person

Members First!

Show your club card to receive
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or \$3 off Singles Price.

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Doors Open @ 8 p.m.

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At the door \$13 per person

After 11:30 p.m. \$8 per person

Hors d'oeuvres, Party Favors, Music

and Celebration followed by a

Breakfast Buffet @ Midnight

Reservations thru Dec. 21:

283-4357

Reservations from Dec. 23-27:

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All Ranks at the O Club Super Sunday Brunch!

December 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$8.95* Champagne Available - add \$3

Menu Includes:

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Belgian Waffles

Sausage

Bacon

Hash Browns

Fresh Fruit

Muffins

Danish

Biscuits & Gravy

*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!



Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

Tyndall Running Club Meeting

Dec. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the CAC.

Come join us as we prepare for the Navy Blue Angels Marathon in February.

Library

☎ 283-4287

Book Sale

A used book sale will be held Dec. 12-15 during regular operating hours. Stop by for a great deal!

Vet Clinic

Call the vet clinic for information on sales and specials!

283-2434



Skeet & Trap Range

☎ 283-2499

Turkey Shoot

Dec. 14. Call for details

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Christmas Parties

Have your squadron Christmas party at the Marina Club on St. Andrews Bay.

Tyndall Clubs Host



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during football season
(Through January 26)

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Pancake Breakfast With Santa

Youth Center, Dec. 7 8-11 a.m.

\$1.50 ages 12 & under

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Register for holiday door prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, do a holiday craft

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Teen Center

☎ 283-0295

Step Dancing Class

Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m.

Learn the latest military style synchronized dance moves with instructor Lula Orange. Meeting to be held to discuss goals and class times. Classes tentatively scheduled for January.

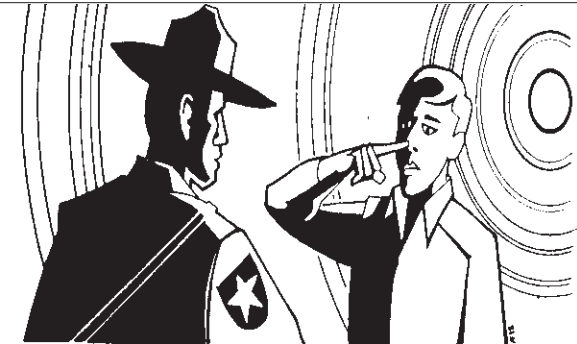
Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Hayride & Marshmallow Roast

Dec. 21, 5 p.m.

Cost to participate is one canned good per person to be donated to the 1st Sgt's food bank. Enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows at the end of the ride.



Think
before
you
drink.

●FROM HOUSING PAGE 4
more. If you mess up one time, it will ruin your holiday season,” Mr. Anderson said. He reminded residents to check all electrical cords, keep natural Christmas trees watered, avoid overloading circuits and never leave cooking unattended.

“If you have to call us, make sure everyone gets out and get to a fire-safe area to call 911,” Mr. Anderson said.

Colonel Sokol added that all base housing residents should have a fire extinguisher, since the devices were distributed at the self-help store.

“There have been some saves here because people had their fire extinguishers,” he said. “If you can extinguish it, that’s great, but if you can’t, call the professionals.”

From safety in the house to safety in the streets, residents also voiced concerns about speeding and what is being done to help enforce speed limits.

“The speed limit in base housing is 15 mph, period. Wherever there is housing on both sides of the road, the speed limit is 15 mph,” Colonel Sokol said. “Currently, some of the signs in housing are misleading. A sign on one end of the road will be different than the sign on the other end of the road. We are working to make those corrections.”

Maj. Scott Enold, 325th Security Forces Squadron commander, encouraged residents to get a description of any vehicle that vio-

lates the speed limit and report it to the law enforcement desk at 283-2254. According to Major Enold, the security forces will do all they can to enforce the speed limits, but asked everyone to assist, since the security forces are tasked to patrol the entire base.

“People need to file a complaint in order for (corrective) action to take place. We need your assistance just like in any other community outside the gate,” Major Enold said.

Aside from these concerns, several others were brought to the attention of the base leadership.

“I value the inputs you have provided,” Colonel Sokol said. He added that there are many changes coming to the regulations governing military family housing and asked everyone to be patient.

As for the one question that was on many minds, “When will the older housing be comparable to the newer housing?”

Colonel Weldon said plans exist to improve housing, but it will take time.

“Housing will be fixed, but not for a while. Tentatively, \$63 million is earmarked at Tyndall to improve housing in 2005,” Colonel Weldon said. “As you move through your Air Force career, you will see more of the Felix Lake houses around the Air Force. Whether on base or off base, you will see more of the Redfish Point houses. You will begin to see less of the Wood Manor houses.”

